BOSTON, 221, WASHINGTON STREET,
Dec. 26, 1863.

DEAR SIR,

Herewith I send you a copy of a PETITION TO CONGRESS now in session. It has been drawn up, after consultation with persons representing various parties and denominations, with the single view of uniting the loyal and anti-slavery sentiment of the country upon that one object, in obtaining which we destroy the rebellion at its tap-root, secure the future union of these States under a genuine "republican form of government," and ensure (so far as is humanly possible) future harmony, peace, and prosperity throughout our country.

The form of Petition sent, and the object it seeks, have the full approval, and will have the cordial support, of the truest friends of the Government and Country now in Congress. Indeed, some of the most eminent of their number have publicly advised and warmly urged this action.

The Petition is sent extensively to clergymen, of all denominations; and we earnestly entreat all ministers of the gospel to make it the subject of a special appeal to their several congregations, at an early day.

Will *you*, dear sir, give your personal aid and influence in circulating the Petition in your town, — calling attention to it, and obtaining for it the largest possible signature? It relates to a matter of vital importance. Both President and Congress desire and need a direct expression of the mind of the people. The exigencies of the time point to this action as absolutely necessary to a speedy, honorable, and successful ending of the war.

For Liberty and for our Country,

Yours,

SAMUEL MAY, JUN.

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